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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: AUGUST 1 MEETING BETWEEN LAF, HADDAD,
IDF AND UNIFIL

REF: (A) STATE 193265, (B) TEL AVIV 9718, (C) BEIRUT 4359,
(D) JERUSALEM 2083

1. UN SOURCE HAS JUST GIVEN US (1215 LOCAL) FOLLOWING ACCOUNT
OF MEETING REFERRED TO PARA THREE JERUSALEM 2083 PROVIDED BY
IDF LO COL LEVINSON.

2. CORRECTING EARLIER INFORMATION, MEETING TOOK PLACE IN EL
MERI TO THE EASH OF KHIAM. PRESENT WERE: COL SAAD PLUS
ONE OTHER LEBANESE OFFICER, HADDAD, COLS MIZRACHI AND GAL
(BOTH IDF), AND FROM UNIFIL COLS RANA, LEVERETTE AND BEYS.

3. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING, HADDAD ADOPTED FOLLOWING
POSITION:

(A) LEBANESE FORCE COULD PROCEED IN SMALL GROUPS PROVIDED
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NO LARGE ARMORED VEHICLES SUCH AS AMLS INCLUDED. HE AGREED
TO A FEW UNARMED APCS. FORCE COULD NOT TRANSIT MARJAYOUN AND
HE INSISTED IT PROCEED VIA SHABA (CHEBBA) APPROXIMATELY 33
DEGREES 21 MINUTES NORTH, 35 DEGREES 45 MINUTES EAST, AND FROM
THERE GO THROUGH OCCUPIED GOLAN HEIGHTS AND ISRAEL ON TO TIBNIN.

(B) HADDAD'S POSITION WOULD BE MAINTAINED, I.E. ORDERS RELIEVING

HIM WOULD BE ANNULLED.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, UN SOURCE SPOKE TO COL LEVERETTE, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, WHO SAYS LEVINSON ACCOUNT A MISUNDERSTANDING. HADDAD INSISTED ROUTE GO FROM KAWKAVA THROUGH IBL AS-SA'QI, EL MERI DOWN TO ADL AND THEN ON TO TIBNIN ON LEBANESE SIDE OF THE BORDER. LEVERETTE DENIES HADDAD INSISTED UNIT GO THROUGH ISRAEL. HE HAS BEEN OVER THE PROPOSED ROUTE AND SAYS IT IS TRAFFICABLE. LEVERETTE ALSO REPORTS SAAD SAID HE COULD NOT RESPOND BUT HAD TO CONSULT LEBANESE AUTHORITIES IN BEIRUT.

5. UN CONFIRMS SAAD DEPARTED EL MERI FOR NAQOURA WHERE HE MET WITH ERSKINE AND HAS NOW RETURNED TO BEIRUT.

6. LEVINSON ALSO PASSED ALONG RUMOR THAT A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION HAS DEVELOPED WITHIN LEBANESE FORCE ALONG CONFESSIONAL LINES AS HOW BEST TO PROCEED.

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